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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN DELEGATION TO 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR
CONFERENCE (ILC)

REF: (A) STATE 102699; (B) AMMAN 2784

1. JORDAN WILL SEND 11-MAN DELEGATION TO 63RD ILC
CONVENING IN JUNE. JORDANIANS WILL FLY TO GENEVA ON MAY
28. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN (YOUNGER BROTHER OF KING HUSSEIN)
WILL JOIN GROUP AROUND JUNE 8 IN NON-DELEGATE STATUS TO
DELIVER SPEECH TO ILC DURING JUNE 10 SESSION.

A. GOVERNMENT REPS:

--H.E. (ISAM AL-'AJLOUNI, MINISTER OF LABOR AND HEAD
OF DELEGATION; CONSCIENTIOUS ESAT BANK CAREER CIVIL SERVANT
HIGHLY EXPERIENCED IN SOCIAL SERVICES FIELD; ATTENDED
LAST YEAR'S ILC; PREVIOUS POST WAS THAT OF DIRECTOR OF
SOCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTE (TRAINS JORDANIAN SOCIAL WORKERS);
STUDIED AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, CORNELL AND
BERKELEY; WAS 1974 STATE DEPT LEADER GRANTEE TO STUDY
DRUG ADDICTION; SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND IS FRIENDLY TO
AMERICANS.

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--SAMIR QSOUS, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND
FINANCE, MINISTRY OF LABOR; CHIEF ADVISOR TO
MINLAB; VETERAN OF MANY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES;
WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY; SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND,
WITH MINLABOR, WILL BE KEY JORDANIAN CONTACT FOR
U.S. DEL.

--BAHIAT 'ODEH, TRADE UNIONS REGISTRAR, MINLABOR;
HAS PARTICIPATED IN USG-FUNDED SEMINARS AND PREVIOUS
ILC; FAIR ENGLISH.

--MANSOUR AL-FARES, HEAD OF EMPLOYMENT OFFICE,
MINLABOR; BRIGHT YOUNG OFFICIAL PARTICIPATING
IN HIS FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE; ATTENDED U.S.
STATISTICS SEMINAR IN 1976 AND WAS VERY FAVORABLY
IMPRESSED; CAN BE COUNTED ON TO GIVE FRANK OPINION TO
U.S. DEL; ADEQUATE ENGLISH.

B. WORKERS REPS:

--SAMI HASSAN MANSOUR (ABU HASSAN), PRESIDENT OF
JORDAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS CENTRAL COUNCIL, AND
HEAD OF LAND TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION (AND HEAD OF
WORKERS' DEL TO ILC); GRAND OLD MAN OF JORDANIAN
WORKERS MOVEMENT; WILY AND PROBABLY CORRUPT;
RUNS HIS OWN UNION WITH IRON FIST; IS ON BAD TERMS
WITH MOST MEMBERS OF JORDANIAN DELEGATION AND
THEREFORE WILL EXERT LITTLE INFLUENCE; LITTLE ENGLISH.

--MOHAMMAD HUSSEIN ODEH, ELECTRICITY WORKERS' UNION.

--MAHMOUD FALEH MERZALLAH, TRANSPORTATION WORKERS.

--MOHAMMAD SAMIH, TOBACCO WORKERS.

--ABDUAL RAZZAK MOHAMMAD SA'ID, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.
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LAST THREE WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXTREMELY
WEAK AND HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED TO LRO AS "INSULT TO
WORKERS' MOVEMENT." NONE SPEAKS ENGLISH. PRINCE
HASSAN IS SAID TO BE DISMAYED AT POOR QUALITY OF
WORKERS' REPRESENTATION.

C. EMPLOYERS' REPS:

--WALID ASFOUR, PRESIDENT, AMMAN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY;
WEALTHY INDUSTRIALIST; HAS ATTENDED MANY INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES; IS RESPECTED BY WORKERS; KNOWLEDGEABLE ON
LABOR SCENE; SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH; VALUABLE CONTACT FOR
U.S. DEL.

--HAJJ 'ALI DAJANI, DIRECTOR, AMMAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE; PALESTINIAN ACTIVE LOCALLY IN WORKERS'
EDUCATION PROGRAMS' SHOWS GENUINE CONCERN FOR LABOR
MOVEMENT; VALUABLE CONTACT.

3. COMMENT: POST HAS COMMENTED SEPARATELY (REFTEL
B) ON DELEGATION'S LIKELY ATTITUDES AT GENEVA.
UNFORTUNATE THAT WORKERS' REPRESENTATION IS SO
UNINSPIRING, SINCE ILC OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
TO DEVELOP CONTACTS (AND SOPHISTICATION) VIS-A-VIS
LABOR MOVEMENT.
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